

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

Special Education

**Every child
has a right to a
Free Appropriate
Public Education.**

**If your child falls
into one or more
of the categories
to the right, then
your child may
qualify to receive
special education
services.**

- **Autism**
- **Deaf-Blindness**
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- **Emotional Disturbance**
- **Hearing Impairments**
- **Mental Retardation**
- **Orthopedic Impairment**
- **Other Health Impairment**
- **Specific Learning Disabilities**
- **Speech/Language Impairment**
- **Traumatic Brain Injury**
- **Visual Impairment/Blindness**

As a parent or guardian, you have a right to:

- Request that the school evaluate your child for special education placement and services.
- Receive notice as to whether your request will be honored and 10 days notice before any meetings concerning your child are held.
- Have meetings you cannot attend rescheduled or have some accomodation, such as attendance via telephone, made.
- Have an independent evaluation of your child that was conducted at your own expense considered at an IEP meeting.
- Request an independent evaluation of your child at public expense if you disagree with the school's evaluation.

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